



The South Carolina Silent Witness Story

Report on Domestic Violence Homicide Victims from 2010

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This year's ceremony will mark the **fourteenth anniversary of Silent Witness**.

In **2010**, there were a **total of 44** people murdered by a household member, according to the South Carolina¹² definition. Of those 44 people, **34 were women**, constituting **77%** of the total, and **10 were men**, constituting **23%** of the total.

The demographics of the victims were as follows: **39%** were Black, **57%** were White, **2%** were Hispanic and **2%** were Indian. The average age of these victims was **40** years old.

The Office of the Attorney General, through its S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women program, collected the data by contacting every Sheriff's Office, Coroner's Office, Police Department and Solicitor's Office in the State. Those offices were provided with a victim information sheet to complete and asked to provide any incident reports related to domestic homicide victims. As always, these offices were gracious and provided this Office with an abundance of information. In addition, all information was crosschecked for accuracy with the records of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

Twenty-three counties reported one or more domestic homicide for 2010.

Guns were the primary weapon used in these homicides. In **59%** of the cases, a **gunshot** wound was listed as the primary cause of death. **Knives** were used in **27%** of the cases; and in **14%** of the cases **another form** of weapon was used.

The courts have disposed of only **four** cases. There are **twenty-six** trials pending, **twelve** defendants have committed suicide, **one** died while awaiting trial, and **one** suspect is still at large but an arrest warrant has been issued.

Attached to this document are county-by-county statistics and statewide graphs depicting the statistics mentioned in this report.

¹

² §16-25-10 defines "household member" as spouses, former spouses, persons who have a child in common, or a male and female who are cohabiting or formerly have cohabited.

County Statistics

Abbeville

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Aiken

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	23
Whites:	1	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	Committed suicide						

Allendale

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Anderson

Women:	3	Men:	0	Total:	3	Avg Age:	32
Whites:	2	Blacks:	1	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	2	Knife:	1	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	Committed suicide (2); trial pending (1)						

Bamberg

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Barnwell

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Beaufort

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Berkley

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Calhoun

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Charleston

Women:	1	Men:	1	Total:	2	Avg Age:	60
Whites:	2	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	1	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	Trial pending; committed suicide						

Cherokee

Women:	2	Men:	0	Total:	2	Avg Age:	34
Whites:	2	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	1		
Disposition:	Trial pending (2)						

Chester

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Chesterfield

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	27
Whites:	0	Blacks:	1	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	1	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	Trial pending						

Clarendon

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Colleton

Women:	2	Men:	0	Total:	2	Avg Age:	44
Whites:	1	Blacks:	1	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	2	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	Committed suicide						

Darlington

Women:	2	Men:	0	Total:	2	Avg Age:	30
Whites:	1	Blacks:	1	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	2	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	Committed suicide, trial pending						

Dillon

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Dorchester

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	36
Whites:	1	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	Trial pending						

Edgefield

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Fairfield

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Florence

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Georgetown

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	29
Whites:	0	Blacks:	1	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	Committed suicide						

Greenville

Women:	6	Men:	0	Total:	6	Avg Age:	34
Whites:	4	Blacks:	2	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	3	Knife:	2	Hand/Other:	1		
Disposition:	Committed suicide (4); trial pending (2)						

Greenwood

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Hampton

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Horry

Women:	3	Men:	0	Total:	3	Avg Age:	43
Whites:	2	Blacks:	1	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	2		
Disposition:	Trial pending; died awaiting trial; committed suicide						

Jasper

Women:	0	Men:	1	Total:	1	Avg Age:	24
Whites:	1	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	Found guilty of voluntary manslaughter - sentenced to 23 years						

Kershaw

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Lancaster

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Laurens

Women:	0	Men:	1	Total:	1	Avg Age:	32
Whites:	1	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	Trial pending						

Lee

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Lexington

Women:	1	Men:	1	Total:	2	Avg Age:	29
Whites:	0	Blacks:	1	Hispanic/Other:	1		
Gun:	1	Knife:	1	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	Trial pending; at large						

Marion

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	36
Whites:	0	Blacks:	1	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	1	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	Trial pending						

Marlboro

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	42
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	1		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	Trial pending						

McCormick

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Newberry

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Oconee

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Orangeburg

Women:	1	Men:	1	Total:	2	Avg Age:	51
Whites:	1	Blacks:	1	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	1	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	Trial pending (2)						

Pickens

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	47
Whites:	1	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	1		
Disposition:	Trial pending						

Richland

Women:	1	Men:	1	Total:	2	Avg Age:	40
Whites:	1	Blacks:	1	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	2	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	Trial pending (2)						

Saluda

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

Spartanburg

Women:	3	Men:	2	Total:	5	Avg Age:	48
Whites:	3	Blacks:	2	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	3	Knife:	1	Hand/Other:	1		
Disposition:	Trial pending (4); Pled guilty--serving life without parole						

Sumter

Women:	1	Men:	1	Total:	2	Avg Age:	46
Whites:	0	Blacks:	2	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	1	Hand/Other:			
Disposition:	Trial pending; Found guilty of involuntary manslaughter--sentenced to 5 years						

Union

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	37
Whites:	0	Blacks:	1	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	Pled guilty – sentenced to 5 years						

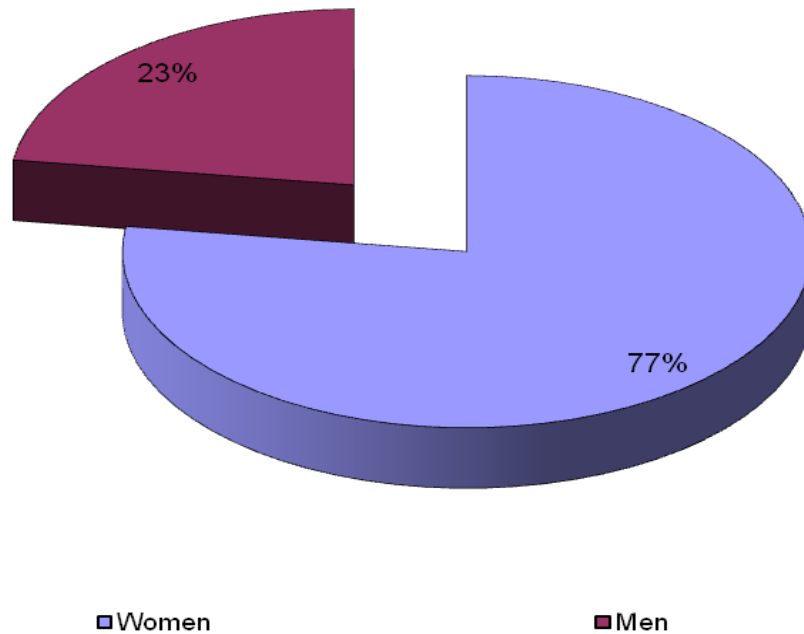
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Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
Disposition:	0						

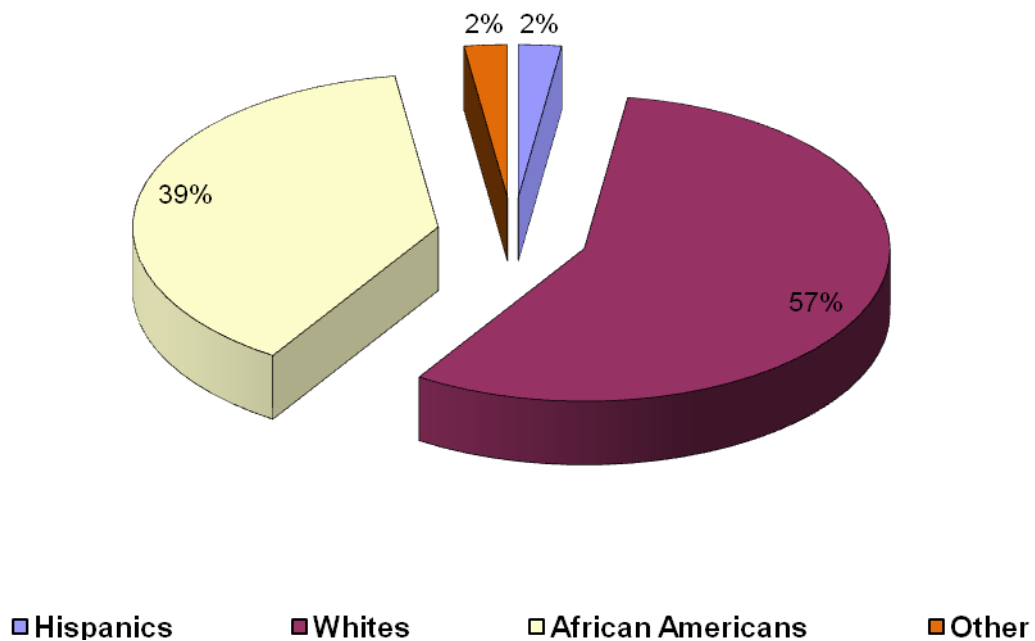
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Women:	0	Men:	1	Total:	1	Avg Age:	79
Whites:	1	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	1		
Disposition:	Trial pending						

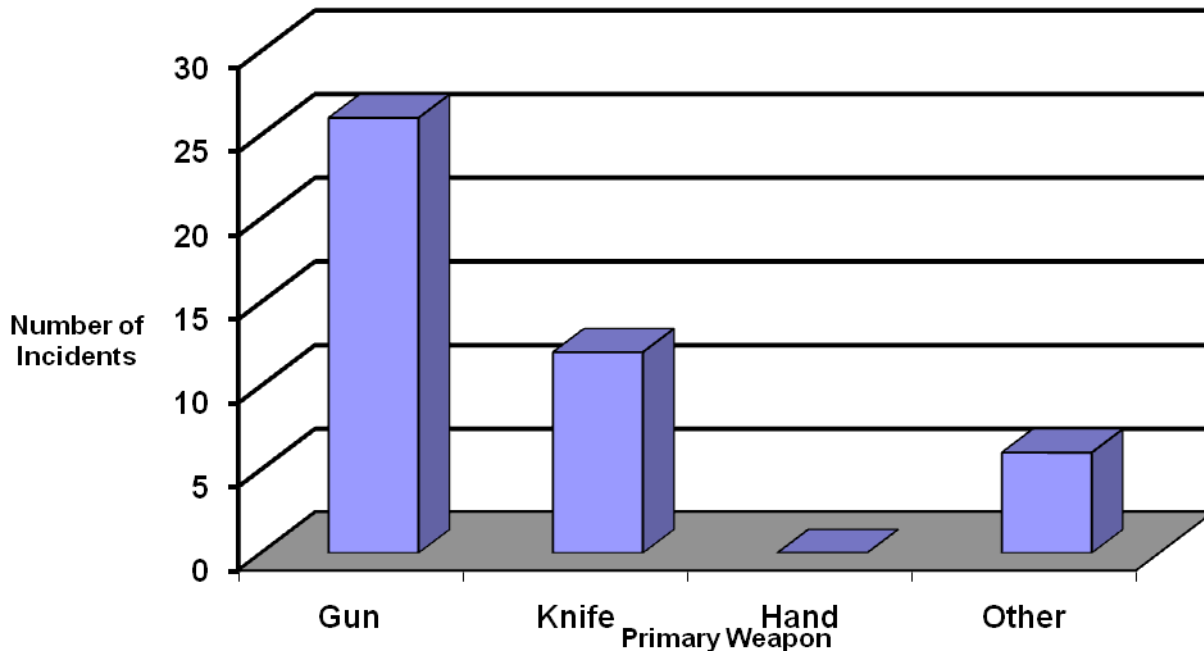
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Domestic Violence Homicides
State of South Carolina
Sex Differential**



**2011 Domestic Violence Homicides
State of South Carolina
Race Differential**



**2011 Domestic Violence Homicides
State of South Carolina
Primary Weapon Differential**



**2011 Domestic Violence Homicides
State of South Carolina
Case Disposition**

